



# South Coast Air Quality Management District

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## **Azusa Rock Quarry Revised Conditional Use Permit and Development Agreement**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) staff appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned project. AQMD staff notes that the lead agency certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) for this project on May 17, 2010. It is our understanding that approval of the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and the Development Agreement for the project will be considered on July 6, 2010. AQMD staff requests that the lead agency consider the following points prior to approving the CUP and the Development Agreement.

AQMD staff appreciates the potential funding opportunity for air monitoring equipment in the city of Azusa described in the draft Development Agreement considered on May 17, 2010. However, AQMD staff notes that the cost to assess potential impacts from this project on both Azusa residents and Duarte residents (i.e., two sites) may reach \$56,000 to establish each site, with an additional \$10,000 per year per site in operations and maintenance costs (not including labor or site property rental). AQMD staff requests that the project proponent provide full funding for these two monitoring stations as part of the Development Agreement.

In order to minimize emissions resulting from mining operations, the lead agency should specify a schedule in the CUP that indicates when the mining equipment will be upgraded to a less polluting fleet. This schedule should include:

1. A commitment to limit throughput to 6,060 tons per day until the current mining equipment fleet is upgraded.
2. A commitment to meet the 2009 off-road fleet originally discussed in the Draft EIR by 2014.
3. A commitment to use the cleanest vehicles available at this quarry as the project proponent replaces vehicles in its fleet.

Staff is available to work with the lead agency to address these issues and any other questions that may arise. Please contact either myself or Ian MacMillan, Program Supervisor, CEQA Intergovernmental Review, at (909) 396-3244 if you have any questions regarding the enclosed comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Nakamura". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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